



**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
28 Travelers

**LAND  
JOURNEY**

# Imperial Splendors of Russia

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Be awestruck by the **sumptuous, priceless treasures** of Russia's emperors and empresses.
- ▶ Study the fine details of artistic masterpieces at the internationally acclaimed **Hermitage Museum**.
- ▶ Feel the mist from the fountains as you stroll the grand promenades of **Peter the Great's opulent palace**.
- ▶ Take in sweeping vistas of the Russian countryside on a **high-speed train** from Moscow to St. Petersburg.
- ▶ Walk through **Red Square** and admire the remarkable, iconic **St. Basil's Cathedral**.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- **Four nights** in Moscow, Russia, at the first-class Intercontinental Moscow - Tverskaya.
- **Four nights** in St. Petersburg at the first-class Angleterre Hotel.

### TRANSFERS

- The high-speed train transfer in the Land Program and baggage handling.

### EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Eight breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during meals at local restaurants.

### YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

### ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart gateway city<sup>†</sup>
- Day 2** Arrive in Moscow
- Day 3** Moscow
- Day 4** Moscow
- Day 5** Moscow
- Day 6** Train to St. Petersburg | St. Petersburg
- Day 7** St. Petersburg
- Day 8** St. Petersburg | Peterhof
- Day 9** St. Petersburg
- Day 10** Depart for gateway city<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Excursions often require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces.



St. Petersburg



## DISCOVERY

**Moscow Highlights.** Take a panoramic tour of the capital city's most notable sites, including the copper-domed Cathedral of Christ the Savior.

**Tretyakov Gallery.** See Russian artwork spanning a thousand years.

**Metro, Kremlin and Red Square.** Go underground to discover Moscow's beautiful Metro stations, featuring marble floors, chandeliers and artwork. Travel inside the Kremlin walls to see superb churches and palaces. At the Armoury Chamber, marvel at the czars' glittering treasures, including Faberge eggs, gold and silver works of art, royal carriages and armor. Cross Red Square and visit the ornate GUM department store. Stroll to St. Basil's Cathedral and admire its fanciful onion domes.

**Novodevichy Convent.** Explore within the walls of this active monastery, noted for the gold-and-silver-domed Smolensk Cathedral with its 16th-century frescoes.

**St. Petersburg Highlights.** Marvel at with this scenic city, filled with canals and hundreds of bridges. See the Admiralty and the Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood, as well as palaces and other monuments. Gaze at the lavish St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress, home to the czars' tombs.

**Behind the Scenes: Mariinsky Theater.** Tour this renowned theater, where ballet legends Pavlova, Nureyev and Baryshnikov electrified audiences.

**Peterhof.** Be transported to the reign of Peter the Great at his spectacular palace, surrounded by formal gardens and majestic fountains.

**Folkloric Russia.** At a country house, savor lunch and sample vodka, then celebrate folk traditions during a show featuring live music and dancing.

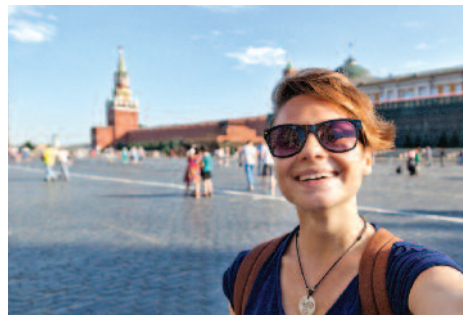
**State Hermitage Museum.** Spend time inside the Hermitage, and enjoy early access to view one of the world's finest art collections, including paintings by French Impressionists and Dutch and Italian masters, Greek and Roman relics, Egyptian mummies and much more.

## ENRICHMENT

**Russian Art.** Examine the diverse historical trends, including Byzantine-influenced icons, neoclassical paintings and the modern art movement, typified by pioneering artists such as Kandinsky and Chagall.

**Russian Music and Ballet.** Russian composers, choreographers and ballet dancers have reached the highest echelons of the classical arts. Learn how the national passion for music and dance fostered these talents.

**Czarist Russia.** Delve into the riveting history of the Russian czars, who ruled the country for three centuries until the 1917 revolution.



## AHI Travel Expertise

**Passenger Service Representative |** Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

**Lecturers |** Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Intercontinental Moscow - Tverskaya |** Moscow

<http://bit.ly/intercontinentalmoscow>

**Angleterre Hotel |** St. Petersburg

[www.angleterrehotel.com](http://www.angleterrehotel.com)



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## ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE

We have designed an optional activity to allow you to craft your individual trip.

**Catherine Palace.** Spend a half-day at this splendid baroque imperial residence, which was inspired by the palace at Versailles. Step inside the famed Amber Room, an exquisite chamber adorned with goldleaf and intricate amber panels. These precious decorations were stolen by the Nazis during World War II and later recreated through a joint German-Russian effort.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost

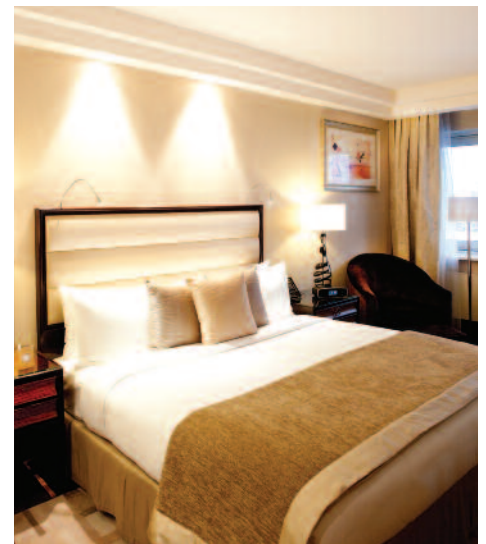
## UNESCO World Heritage

1. Kremlin and Red Square
2. Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent
3. Historic Center of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments

## Let us arrange your flights!

✈️ **AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program offers incredible advantages:

- **price guarantee**
- arrival and departure **transfers**
- **flexibility** to change or cancel
- discounted upgrades
- **assistance** with changes or delays
- flight insurance



Intercontinental Moscow - Tverskaya